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Nominations sought for Jack Dalton Award

Nominations for the 10th annual "Jack Dalton Community Service Award" are being accepted through November 19.

The award will go to the Henry County resident who best demonstrates the exemplary community service that marked Dalton's years of public service.

Dalton served as a member of the Henry County Board of Supervisors for more than 24 years, and was serving as the Board Chairman at the time of his death on May 24, 2000.

Nominations are due by November 19 at 5 p.m. The award's recipient will be recognized at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on December 14.

Nominations should be based on the candidates' personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping promote the quality of life in Henry County. Nominees must have performed the service for which they are being nominated within the calendar year 2010.

Nomination forms are available at the County Administration Building on Kings Mountain Road or can be downloaded from www.henrycountyva.gov. All nominations must be submitted on the nominating form.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors will review the nominations and select this year's recipient. Dr. Calvin Rains won the inaugural presentation in 2001, followed by Bill Adkins in 2002, Clay Campbell in 2003, Mary McGee in 2004, Charlie Bradshaw in 2005, Bob Petty in 2006, the Rev. Thurman Echols in 2007, Nancy Bradshaw in 2008, and Mary Jordan in 2009.

Veterans event scheduled for November 14

The community's recognition of our veterans will culminate Sunday, November 14 with an event at Bassett High School at 3 p.m. The event will include the presentation of Henry County's "Outstanding Military Veteran" award and many other items.

The County's award was presented for the first time last year to co-recipients David Kipfinger and James Rogers. The Board of Supervisors solicits nominations for the award and then selects the recipient.

The event at Bassett High School is free and open to the public.

Set those clocks ahead this weekend

Don't forget to set those clocks back an hour this weekend with the end of Daylight Savings Time. You may need that extra hour's sleep.

For those who look forward to spring, Daylight Savings Time will re-emerge March 13, 2011.

Dick and Willie Trail unveiled

Martinsville-Henry County's newest recreational facility was officially unveiled October 11.

The Dick and Willie Trail is a 4.5-mile walking and biking trail that runs from near El Parral Restaurant in Collinsville, through the City of Martinsville, to the Mulberry Creek in Henry County.

The cost of the Trail is \$1.4 million and completely funded by grants. The grant money came from the federal government, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Virginia Tobacco Commission. In-kind contributions were received from the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and the Henry County Public Service Authority.

The Dick and Willie Trail is part of the larger Virginia vision for a Beaches to Bluegrass Trail Network. It ties into the City's spur trail leading to uptown Martinsville. Eventually the new trail will tie into the Fieldale Trail and the new Smith River Sports Complex, dependent on funding.

It will be operated by the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department.

The October 11 event culminated four years of work by many different groups, including the Martinsville-Henry County Rivers and Trails, the Henry County Board of Supervisors, Martinsville City Council, the Henry County Public Service Authority, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Tobacco Commission, Congressman Rick Boucher, and Congressman Tom Perriello.

Other partners included Sowers Construction (general contractor), Anderson and Associates (designer), Hooker Furniture (donation of right of way), Univar (donation of right of way), and Norfolk Southern Railway.

The trail uses a former stretch of the Danville & Western rail line which was later acquired by Norfolk Southern Railway. That train line was referred to as the "Dick and Willie" by locals.

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